



AF/GP-1621 #

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of : Martin P. Atkins, et al.  
For : **ESTER SYNTHESIS**  
Serial No. : 08/687, 811  
Filed : July 26, 1996  
Examiner : M. L. Shippen  
Art Unit : 1621  
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Attorney Docket No. : BPE 2 064  
Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington D. C. 20231

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

The initial period for response to the outstanding Official Action, issued on October 14, 1997, expired on January 14, 1998.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 petition is hereby made for a three month extension of time up to and including April 14, 1998 in which to respond to the Official Action. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith.

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Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SHARPE, BEALL, FAGAN,  
MINNICH & MCKEE

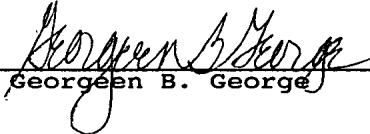


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this **EXTENSION OF TIME** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **EXPRESS MAIL** in an envelope numbered **EM098341704US** addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 14, 1998.

By:

  
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